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## **An Act To Amend the Charter of the Caribou Utilities District**

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** the Caribou Utilities District needs immediate authority to contract with persons inside and outside the district to provide for disposal of sewage and commercial and industrial wastewater; and

**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

**Sec. 1. P&SL 1945, c. 83, §10-A** is enacted to read:

**Sec. 10-A. Contracts for disposal of sewage.** The district may contract with persons, corporations, districts and other municipalities, both inside and outside the boundaries of the district and with the State of Maine and the United States Government or any agency of either, to provide for disposal of sewage and commercial and industrial waste and storm and surface water through the district's system and through the system of any such person, corporation, district or other municipality; and every other district and municipality of the State of Maine is authorized to contract with the district for the collection, distribution, treatment and disposal of sewage and commercial and industrial waste and storm and surface water, and for said purposes any such municipality may raise money as for other municipal charges.

**Sec. 2. P&SL 1945, c. 83, §16-C** is enacted to read:

**Sec. 16-C. Authority to disconnect water for nonpayment of sewer service.** Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in the event a user of the district's sewer system fails within a reasonable time to pay the district's rates, fees or charges for service, the district may disconnect water service to the user, as long as the disconnection is accomplished in accordance with procedures established in applicable law or rules governing disconnection of utility services and terms and conditions approved by the Public Utilities Commission.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective 90 days following adjournment of the 124th  
Legislature, Second Regular Session, unless otherwise indicated.